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## **NOTICE REGARDING CAMPAIGN FINANCE INFORMATION**

When you return your nomination papers the Registrar will review your signatures and the Town Clerk will notify you when you have been certified as a candidate.

Once you are a candidate you can begin to raise money if you wish. I urge Candidates to read the guides to understand the rules, but some highlights are:

- Money received by a candidate or committee must be held in a separate fund
- Committees are not required, but strongly encouraged
- In-kind contributions (non-cash donations of professional services or material items) are subject to the same limits as cash contributions and must be reported
- Loans are contributions and subject to the contribution limits, however candidates may make loans to their campaign without limit

Visit the Office for Campaign and Political Finance website. There are guides, videos, and fact sheets to assist you. If you have questions about anything, I encourage you or your treasurer to call OCPF directly at 617-979-8300 or to call or email me any time.

Reporter 7, OCPF's online reporting software, is available by contacting OCPF. To register, interested candidates and committees should send the M101 organizational form with "R7 Only" written at the top to [ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us](mailto:ocpf@cpf.state.ma.us).

On the OCPF website

[Guide for Candidates Without a Committee](#)

[Guide for Municipal Candidates](#)

[Guide for Municipal Treasurers](#)

[M101 – form to organize a committee](#)

[M102 – form to report campaign contributions and spending](#)

[M102 instructions](#)

[There are helpful, short videos.](#) You are a municipal candidate who files locally, so scroll down to that section to see explanations about reporting loans, correcting mistakes on forms already filed, and paying people back for campaign expenses.

[All the municipal candidate forms](#)